

Letter from Constituent(s):

Sir,

I know you have significantly more important issues to deal with in the House, so I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter.

I am writing today to tell you about a way to easily save the American taxpayer a few million dollars per year, but more so, **how to increase the safety of Army Aviation personnel**. (Annex 1)

With the precedence set by the late Rep. John Murtha, and how his pressure has persuaded the Army to develop a more effective camouflage pattern for soldiers in combat, I can see meaningful change result from congress asking questions of the current Army Aviation Combat Uniform (A2CU).

Tell the Army to re-authorize the wear of the CWU-27/P (flight suit) for Army aircrews. The Army stopped allowing the wear of the flight suit a few years ago (30 Sep 2009), but is still authorized for special operations aircrew. (A testament to its safety)

The current flight uniform the Army uses cost over 56% (Annex 1) more than the CWU-27/P flight suit and wears out faster. In addition to that, every time the Army decides to change the camouflage pattern of the duty uniform, they have to spend millions more purchasing the new flight uniform.

All the other services still use the CWU-27/P so it is still in the supply system. It would be a simple process for the Army to switch back. They simply would have to issue a directive and a change to the uniform regulation.

If you ask, you will hear many “tactical” and practical reasons why the Army switched to the current flight uniform, but I can easily provide sound argument against these reasons. The truth is that the Army switched to appease some senior leaders who wanted the aircrews to look like the ground troops, without regard for aircrew safety, and did not like the fact that aircrew looked different.

If you should happen to take the time to look into this, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. You can also check out the Facebook page to see what some other Army aircrew members have to say about the issue:

http://www.facebook.com/pages/Army-Aircrews-want-the-Cwu-27p-flight-suit-back/166232970142750?ref=tn_tnmn .

Thank you for your time and your service.

Sincerely,

Constituent(s) of Arizona's 4th District